

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application, the claims having been amended to more clearly define the invention. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The “power supply” has been deleted from the claims, so no amendment of the drawings is necessary.

A terminal disclaimer relative to USP 6,658,122 is submitted herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

The claims have been editorially amended as requested. If there are further amendments the examiner believes are appropriate, applicant would be glad to consider them.

The prior art listed on the Form PTO-1449 was the prior art listed in the International Search Report (ISR) for PCT application PCT/EP98/07131, of which the present application is a national stage entry. The Notice of Acceptance mailed from the USPTO on June 4, 2001 indicates that the ISR and copies of the prior art have been received by the USPTO. Thus, it is believed that copies of the references are already in the USPTO file. Nonetheless, additional copies are submitted here.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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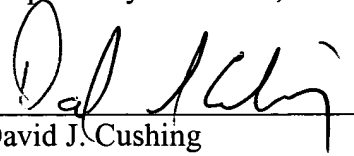
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